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Further to the Request for Continued Examination filed October 15, 2002, with a request that the present application not be acted upon for three months, and to the Official Action mailed November 29, 2002, Applicants submit the following remarks.

As correctly stated in the Official Action, Claims 1, 3, 5, 16, and 25-28 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 3, 5, 16, and 25-28 stand rejected.

As noted above, Applicants submitted the Request for Continued Examination with a request that prosecution be temporarily stayed, so that Applicants could prepare a Declaration to submit evidence of novelty, nonobviousness, and commercial success.

However, this request was seemingly overlooked. In a telephone conference with the Examiner and Applicant's undersigned representative on December 6, 2002, the Examiner acknowledged the request that prosecution be stayed. The Examiner indicated that if the